

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 06-04-18**

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For Work Week Commencing: April 17, 2006
Commission Meeting: April 18, 2006, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Qwest N2006.4.43 (Scott)

On March 31, 2006 Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 06-04, Qwest ChoiceTM Business Prime Package. The new Qwest ChoiceTM Business Prime package will be offered to business customers. The features available within

the Qwest Choice™ Business Prime package are the same as those available with Qwest Choice™ Business except for Voice Messaging Service. Business customers subscribing to the package are entitled to select three services/features from the list of available features. Qwest is requesting a May 1 2006, effective date. Probable Motion: Approve Qwest's Tariff Transmittal 06-04 in Docket N2006.4.43.

2. Qwest N2006.4.44 (Scott)

On March 31, 2006 Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 06-05, Residence On-Line Ordering Promotion. During a promotional period from April 30, 2006, through July 15, 2006, residence customers who are connecting for the first time (New Connect) or moving to a new address (Transfer of Service) and who place their order on-line at Qwest's website will receive a waiver of the nonrecurring charge(s) associated with the line(s). Probable Motion: Approve Qwest's Tariff Transmittal 06-05 in Docket N2006.4.44.

3. Qwest Communications Corporation N2006.4.45 (Scott)

On March 31, 2006, Qwest Communications Corporation's (QCC) filed Tariff Transmittal QCC06-06, Addition of a Private Line Transport Services option to QWEST Express Service. This filing moves QWEST Express Service to another section of the Tariff, and adds a Private Line Transport Services option to the service. It also corrects the reference and displays the rates and charges in the Price List for Virtual Network Service. Probable Motion: Approve QCC's Tariff Transmittal 06-06 in Docket N2006.4.45.

4. Qwest N2006.4.46 (Scott)

On April 3, 2006, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 06-06, Revisions to the Qwest Business Line Volume Purchase Plan. The current Qwest Business Line Volume Purchase Plan is being revised to add the new Qwest Choice™ Business Prime Package to the offering and to expand the plan for qualifying customers. The name of the offering is being changed to Qwest Line Volume Advantage™. Additionally, the filing adds four and five year terms and expands the offering to affiliates and franchisees of corporate customers. Finally, the tariff language has been revised to clarify the current Termination Liability policy. Probable Motion: Approve Qwest's Tariff Transmittal 06-06 in Docket N2006.4.46.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. Title 69, Chapter 8 reform – Update Commission on status of discussions with NorthWestern Energy and Montana Consumer Counsel. (4/18/06)
2. Pipeline Safety one-call advertising grant – Approve spending of \$352 federal grant. (4/18/06)
3. Travel – Request approval of staff out-of-state travel. (4/18/06)
4. EPP – Discuss and receive direction on what items should be included in the agency EPP request. (4/18/06)

Other Meetings

4/20/06 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee Meeting (State Capitol, Room 137)

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Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Sprint Communications Company N2006.4.51 (Scott)

On April 5, 2006, Sprint made a filing to its P.S.C. Price List No. 1. In this filing Sprint is introducing additional Block of Time option for customers, reducing the FONCARD Per Call Surcharge Rate, and is introducing Switched Data Service Rate for Sprint Business Simple Rate. Sprint is also requesting to make miscellaneous text changes.

2. Qwest N2006.4.53 (Scott)

On April 5, 2006, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 06-07, Typographical Error Correction. During the preparation for Tariff Transmittal 06-06, Qwest discovered the rate in the tariff for the Qwest Choice[™] Business Plus package was inadvertently typed as \$49.00 rather than \$49.99. This package was introduced in Tariff Transmittal 05-07 in docket N2005.5.30 and approved at the agenda dated March 29, 2005. Qwest is requesting to correct their typographical error.

3. MT ASSOCIATES D2005.10.150 (Leroy)

On October 4, 2005, MT Associates (MT Assoc.) filed for requested changes in its tariffs. The changes are made to bring MT Associates into compliance with the rules and laws that govern regulated water utilities and to make changes in the notification process for restricting water usage during the irrigation season. MT Assoc. Tariff No. 12 presently states that "If conditions warrant, Company may specify the hours and days during which sprinkling will be permitted and will notify customers with an insert included in their billing statements." MT Assoc. issues a coupon book at the first of the year to be used by the customer in paying the charges throughout the year. MT Associates seeks to change the wording in the tariff to "From July 1 through August 31, Company may specify the hours and days during which sprinkling will be permitted and will notify customers with an insert included in their billing statements or by a separate mailing."

4. Qwest Services Corporation N2006.4.55 (Kim)

On April 10, 2006 Qwest filed for Commission approval a Master Service Agreement (MSA) between Qwest and RBC Dain Rauscher Corporation. This filing was submitted pursuant to Section 2.18, *Volume and Term Discounts to Large Business Customers with a Multi-State Presence*, of Qwest's Exchange and Network Services Tariffs. The MSA is the result of a competitive bidding process to provide Integrated Services Digital Network Primary Rate Service (ISDN PRS) and/or Digital Switched Service with Rate

Stabilized Trunks (DSS Advanced) and/or Uniform Access Solution Service (UAS) services.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2006.4.49 – Blackfoot Communications, Inc. and IDT Corporation – Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement
D2006.4.50 – Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and IDT Corporation – Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement
N2006.4.51 – Sprint – Price List No. 1, Make Miscellaneous Text Changes
D2006.4.52 – Qwest Corporation and AirCare, Inc. – Paging Type 1 and 2 Interconnection Agreement
N2006.4.53 – Qwest Corporation – Tariff Transmittal 06-07, Typographical Error Correction
D2006.4.54 – Montana-Dakota Utilities – Annual Gas Tracker
N2006.4.55 – Qwest Corporation – Master Service Agreement between Qwest and RBC Dain Rauscher Corporation

